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COVER PIC: David Jones who scored with a brilliant header against Adelaide City last weekend is here seen in contention with a Blacktown City defender.

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Newcastle KB United V St George

If pressure brings out the best in players then the members of the St George eleven should be champions. They have had nothing but pressure over the past two seasons. The main pressure has been the fear of relegation, not the best sort of pressure to live with. Raul Blanco who took over the coaching job in mid-season, 1979, has had a nightmare fifteen months. The first thing he discovered was that the players who had starred under his leadership at Melita Eagles weren't up to the standard required in the Philips League of Australia. Nick Fenoughty had been a goal scoring machine in the State League but he didn't fire at all for St George.

A couple of months ago St George signed some outstanding players — Peter Stone and Ernie Campbell among them. In the first match in which they took the field they scored a great win over Blacktown City. The score was a convincing 4-1. Critics agreed that the club had at last turned the corner. Their points tally stood at nine after that game.

But in the next game Canberra City reversed that scoreline and over the subsequent five matches they picked up only three points.

Back to square one.

Perhaps it was unfortunate for St George that Peter Stone was cup tied, as was another mid-season signing, John Russell. In the match against Marconi on the weekend of August 2/3 St George dipped out of the League Cup with a 0-4 defeat. A loss of those dimensions can affect the morale of any side.

Still, they showed their quality by holding Brisbane Lions to a 0-0 scorline the following weekend. It takes character to do that. The return of Stone and Russell probably made the difference.

Newcastle soccer fans have always had a high regard for Peter Stone. He ranks with Col Curran, Ray Baartz and Joe Senkalski as one of our favoured sons, a class player. Since Wests were swallowed up by Leichhardt he has fallen on hard times but the quality is certainly there.

Barring injuries the line-up for the Dragons today will be:— Fraser, McIntosh, Scharfegger, Skeen, Hadley, Russell, Katholos, Kay, Duarte or Cotton and Campbell.

That last player, Ernie Campbell is the danger man for today but he has some sharpshooters around him in Duarte or Cotton and Paul Kay, another Australian whizz kid. Paul has the distinction of having won the Roy Crowhurst trophy in two consecutive years, a feat that even Joe Senkalski could not equal. He has played in both midfield and striker positions and he has tremendous talent.

Dennis Duarte turned in some great performances in the first half of the competition and found the net embarrassingly often as far as his opponents were concerned.

So the potential is there.

The big question is whether St George are going to be happy to settle for a point. At this stage of the season a point a game might be enough to push them above Blacktown City and West Adelaide and thus keep them safe from the dreaded thirteenth and fourteenth places. Whether we shall see negative tactics from them is very much the question.

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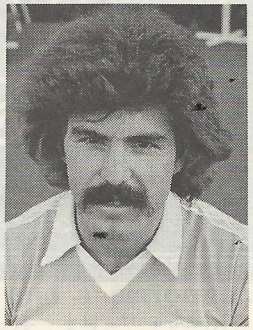

Ernie Campbell is a former World Cup player. He attracted very favourable attention in the 1974 Finals even though he had been a border-line selection in the eliminations.

He has much in common with former team mate Col Curran and other talented Australian youngsters. Now in his thirties Ernie Campbell still epitomises innate sporting ability. What he does, he does in the classical way. The camera man who follows Ernie Campbell is rewarded with a fistful of shots that could be used for any coaching manual.

When he strikes the ball Ernie Campbell has his head right over it. His body is gracefully poised and balanced. He is the antithesis of the grafter, the fellow who does everything the hard way. Any youngster would do well to watch him closely and emulate his style. Like Col Curran and Joe Senkalski he could have made the big time in any country where soccer is played simply because he is a natural sportsman.

Ernie Campbell played in the illustrious Sydney City side which dominated Australian football during the seventies. He has also turned out for Marconi. He is a player of vast experience and he knows where the goals are. In short, he is a DANGER MAN.

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Alan Vest Stays With KB United

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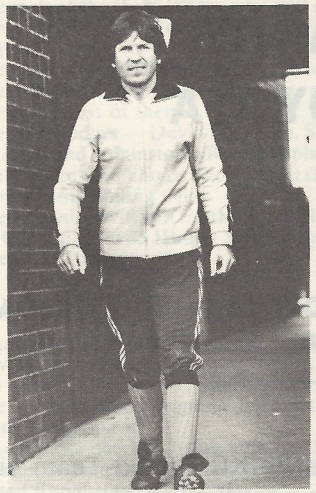
FROM THE TUNNEL



Alan Vest.

Words cannot describe or give enough credit for the magnificent performance in Adelaide last Sunday. It was a total Team effort of disciplined soccer and a performance that showed the tremendous character in the Team. After the disappointment of creating chances and not putting them away the previous week against Footscray, we knew it was going to be hard but every department functioned to its best with Phil bringing off a few great saves, the back four (4) working magnificently, the mid-field defending and attacking with class and the lads up front finishing off the many chances created.

We are still in there with a chance. Every game is a Cup Tie for us and none more than today's game against St George. They are desperate for points and will be a formidable opponent. The danger from our point of view is how we approach the game but I can tell you one thing, if the attitude approached of commitment to the game is as good as last week, we can beat any Team in the League.

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Club Notice Board

The match between Newcastle KB United and St George at the International Sports Centre to-day will bring to a close the allocation of points to decide the winner of the 'BHP 1000' Player of the Year Award.

But the result will not be known until the Newcastle KB United Club Presentation Evening at the Belmont 16ft Sailing Club on October 8.

The sponsorship, announced recently by Mr John Risby, General Manager of the Newcastle Steel Works, for the Player of the Year Award also carries with it a gold medallion valued at some $500 — a worthwhile prize indeed.

The contest is particularly close with a number of players vieing for the top spot. It seems certain that the BHP 1000 and the gold medallion which goes with it will be won by little more than a fraction of a point. But for that, we must wait until October 8.

And What Of The Golden Goal?

The task of the three judges who will decide which has been the best goal scored by a KB United player in a Philips League or Cup match at the International Sports Centre during the season is one not to be envied.

The goals which will be judged were shown during the Soccer segment of the NBN Channel 3 Sports Show on Sunday morning and all were so spectacular and valuable that one was left in a quandry as to which was the best of them.

The three judges — David Fordham, Sports Director of NBN Channel 3, Bob Cameron, the former Leeds United and Adamstown Rosebud player, and Ray Baartz, the distinguished Australian Socceroo, — will not make their choice known until the evening of October 8 at the club's Presentation Evening at the Belmont 16ft Sailing Club.

Their decision will win for the lucky player the Golden Ball presented by Scorer Bullion Dealers of the T & G Building at 45 Hunter Street, Newcastle, this being the second year the firm has so generously supported KB United.

There's Still Time

It's not too late to lodge an entry in the 2KO Music-KB United promotion seeking the follower who can correctly name the number of shots fired at opposing goals by KB United players during Philips League matches at the International Sports Centre.

The question is an intriguing one and the correct answer — or nearest to it — is worth $200 in cash to the one providing it.

A very close check is being kept on the number of shots made and none is being missed.

Entries, costing a mere 20 cents each, may be lodged at the 2KO Music Booth at the ground or at the KB United Supporters' Club Caravan.

There's $200 waiting for someone. It is certainly worth having a try to win it.

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The name of the winner of the Grand Prize will be drawn at the International Sports Centre on Saturday, September 20 — and it might well be you provided, of course, you have a Newcastle KB United Jigsaw Puzzle. You have to be in it to win it, so why not hasten to a Mitre-10 Store on Monday and make yourself eligible.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: **The Directors of Newcastle United Soccer Club Limited are determined to enforce its regulations in respect of crowd behaviour at matches. Any unauthorised person who enters the playing field or the dressing rooms of players or referees before, during or after a match or any person who behaves in a disorderly or offensive manner will be prosecuted without further notice and may be refused admission to any match organised by Newcastle United.**

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ABC — 2KO — 2HD — 2NX — 2GO

TELEVISION:
Good Evening NBN News; A replay of today's match will be shown next Saturday at noon on NBN 3; Sunday's soccer segment sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank.

NEWSPAPERS:
Newcastle Morning Herald; Star; Maitland Mercury; Cessnock Eagle; Newcastle Suburban and Regional Newspapers; Sydney Press; Newcastle Sporting Green.

Progress Scores for Away & Home Games:

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Soccer Press:

Northern Soccer Weekly — Soccer Action — Soccer World — Australian Soccer Weekly

All P.S.L. Match Results:

2NC Sunday evenings at 6.09 p.m. and NBN Sunday evening news.

Most of All:

The Club's Home Match Programme.

FOR YOUR BOOKSHELF:
"The Referees Chart", F.I.F.A.'s official handbook on the Laws of the Game.
"Jack Pollard's Book of Soccer Records" (ed. Sid Grant) for the history of soccer in Australia.
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Arno Bertogna in contest for the ball with a Blacktown City defender. It's a case of knees up and eyes down.

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Six years ago the boys of Argentinos Juniors were coming off the pitch after being narrowly beaten in the youth championship final by Santiago in Cordoba.

In the midst of the pandemonium, one of the Santiago players put his arm around the shoulders of a distressed opponent and told him: "You've got nothing to cry for. One day you'll be the best No. 10 in the world."

That day has just arrived for Diego Maradona, the boy so disappointed in defeat who has just exploded in Europe with his devastating displays against England and Austria.

Although sudden wealth and fame have a habit of producing a lot of instant friends, the signs are that Maradona, this 5 feet 6 inches ball of muscle and inventive genius, can keep his feet on the ground.

That much was obvious as early as February 1977, when he made his Argentina debut as a second half substitute in a 5-1 win against Hungary in Boca's Bombonera Stadium.

Maradona is almost a throwback to a different age; the story he tells, once you manage to prise out words about his background, bears marked resemblance to that of other great Argentines before him, such as Alfredo DiStefano and Omar Enrique Sivori.

The poor home . . . the games on waste land . . . making a ball out of tin cans and socks because no-one could afford the real thing . . . no proper boots . . . and practising those ball skills against a wall under a street light until three in the morning.

It's a tough school from which Maradona has emerged. And for everyone like him who makes it to the top, to the pinnacle where foreign clubs are offering $4 million, there are hundreds who don't.

Maradona's international career received a stunning blow just over two years ago when he was omitted from the 22-man World Cup squad.

Coach Cesar Menotti had worked up until the deadline with 25 players, who knew that three would have to be dropped.

Maradona was one of the three. He says: "I was so upset. I just wanted to run home and hide. Now that I've had time to think it all out properly I understand Menotti's reasons. He was right. I was too young. I hadn't had the kind of experience to cope with the pressures of a World Cup of a long concentration. But at the time . . ."

However, unknown to Maradona, Menotti had long had his plans clearly mapped out for the Argentinos Juniors inside left.

First would come the South American youth championships across the River Plate, in Montevideo. Then the full national side's tour of Europe, then the World Youth Cup in Japan.

Menotti says of Maradona: "He's the direct heir to all the great Argentine players of the past. You can see something of our old football in his every movement. The youngsters are surprised by his artistry, the older fans see in him a Sivori.

"For me, he recalls a mixture of many of the talents of both Pele and Puskas. But he's not a second one of either. He's Maradona, his own man. I hope he stays that way. That he keeps this same style, maintains his character.

"Sometimes he's a bit slow to go and look for the ball, but Pele was the same at his age. This comes with time. Diego has the potential to become the world's No. 1."

Maradona made his league debut on October 26, 1976 — 10 days before his 16th birthday.

Only four months later and Menotti named him in the national squad for a friendly against Hungary. "He's just in for the experience." Menotti told the newspapers, but secretly he had other plans.

Calling Maradona aside, he told him: "If everything goes well, you'll play part of the game. Tell your parents if you like — but don't dare tell the newspapers!"

And so, in the 65th minute, Maradona gained his first surprise taste of international football as substitute for Leopold Luque.

Maradona later laid on a goal for Rene Houseman with a beautiful through pass which disected the Hungarian defence and he gained three more caps in the run-up to the World Cup Finals.

Then came a period of unrest highlighted by his World Cup exclusion.

But now, after his displays in Europe there is little doubt that Maradona will be among the first players selected for Spain in 1982.

The way in which he took Johan Neeskens apart in the World Cup Final 'repeat' in Switzerland last year; then the way in which he bewildered Scotland, scoring one goal when he nearly had three, underlined that this is the man to guide Argentina towards retaining the World Cup.

And just to confirm his standing, he devastated England with a masterful display at Wembley Stadium last month and a week later struck a memorable hat-trick in a 5-1 win over Austria in Vienna.

"I once said of Maradona," recalls Menotti, "that he reminded me in certain ways, of the young Pele. Everybody twisted my words and said I believed Maradona to be the new Pele. That's not right.

"This boy is the First Maradona."

NEWCASTLE UNITED JUNIOR MEMBERS' QUIZ

There are two winners in McDonald's Junior Members' competition to be named today.

The first is Andrew McMillan, of 16 Alexander Street, Mount Hutton, whose Junior Club membership badge number is 196. Andrew correctly named Joe Senkalski as the player whose name was sought in the competition published in the programme for the Newcastle KB United v South Melbourne match.

The holder of Junior Membership Badge No. 21 is Brendon Wright, of 12 Nesbitt Close, Kotara, who correctly named Adelaide City as the team which won the Philips Cup in 1979, that being the question posed in the programme for the match between KB United and Footscray.

Here is the question for this week . . .

In what position did Newcastle KB United finish in its first year in the Philips Soccer League in 1978?

Answers must be received by noon on September 12. The answers are to be forwarded to McDonald's Junior Members' Competition, Post Office Box 5027A, Newcastle West, 2302, or to the KB United Office at 468 Hunter Street, Newcastle.

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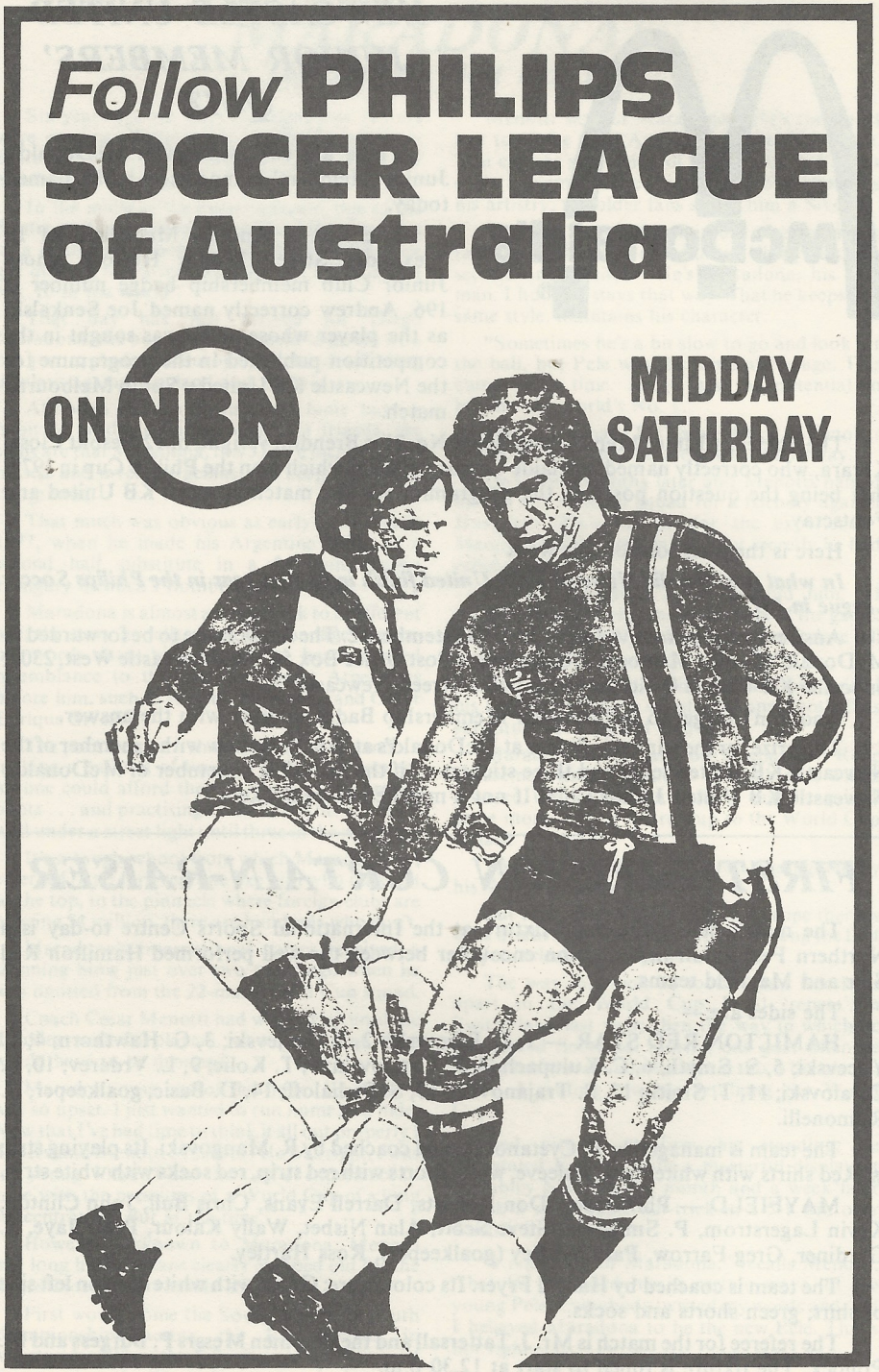
The team is managed by S. Cvetanovski and coached by R. Mangovski. Its playing strip is: Red shirts with white strip on sleeve, white shorts with red strip, red socks with white strip.

MAYFIELD — Phil Darcy, Don Roberts, Darrell Evans, Chris Bull, John Clinton, Kevin Lagerstrom, P. Smiljanic, Steve Scott, Alan Nisbet, Wally Kalour, Peter Jaye, P. Gardiner, Greg Farrow, Paul Hartley (goalkeeper), Ross Hartley.

The team is coached by Harold Fryer. Its colours are: Green with white strip on left side of shirt, green shorts and socks.

The referee for the match is Mr. J. Tattersall and the linesmen Messrs P. Burgess and M. Pollock. The fixture is timed to start at 12.30 p.m.



Appointment Of Directors

At a meeting of the Board of Directors on August 14, Mr. Neil Jameson and Mr. Ron Gow were elected as Directors of the Club. They replaced Dr Alan Hoyle and Mr George Sanders.

At the same meeting, Mr. Ross Morgan advised the Directors that he is moving to Sydney in his employment and so tendered his resignation as a Director.

Mr. Neil Jameson was the Soccer writer for the Newcastle Morning Herald for a period and actively campaigned for the admission of a club from the North in the Philips Soccer League. He was closely associated with the Directors at the time of the club's admission to the Philips League and was the first Editor of the club's programme.

Mr. Ron Gow has been most active in the Supporters' Club, and was the initiator and organiser of the British Paints - 2HD - Cardiff Toyota Promotion. He is the Manager of the Northern N.S.W. Federation State League.

Sports Centre Thursday Raffle

The Sports Centre Club has decided to donate the proceeds of its Thursday Afternoon raffles, during the month of August, to the "Newcastle is United Appeal". We urge all supporters to be at the Sports Centre each Thursday afternoon and participate in these raffles.

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PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA POINTS TABLE, 1980

CLUB	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Home Crowd	Home Result
Heidelberg	21	13	4	4	48	24	30	*Play Saturday, 20-9-80*	
Sydney City	21	13	4	4	40	19	30	9,500	0-3
Marconi	21	12	4	5	44	24	27	8,547	0-1
South Melbourne	21	11	4	6	29	19	26	5,412	1-0
Adelaide City	21	10	3	8	35	25	23	5,428	3-1
Newcastle KB United	21	9	5	7	22	24	23		
Brisbane Lions	21	6	9	6	26	27	21	7,486	0-0
Canberra City	21	7	5	9	29	24	19	7,052	0-4
Footscray	21	6	7	8	27	33	19	5,526	0-0
Brisbane City	21	4	9	8	25	28	17	5,190	1-1
Leichhardt	21	7	3	11	23	32	17	7,517	1-0
Blacktown City	21	7	2	12	30	49	16	4,603	1-0
West Adelaide	21	5	3	13	28	40	13	4,420	2-0
St George	21	4	4	13	24	52	12		

POINTS AFTER 21st SERIES, 1979

Marconi 34, Brisbane City 28, Newcastle 26, *Sydney City, Adelaide City 25, †Heidelberg 24, West Adelaide 23, * Leichhardt 21, Canberra City 19, * Sydney Olympic 17, Footscray 16, †Brisbane Lions 14, * St George 14, South Melbourne 10.

* One match in hand.
† Two matches in hand.

OTHER FIXTURES THIS WEEKEND

Heidelberg v Adelaide City
South Melbourne v Footscray
West Adelaide v Canberra City
Sydney City v Brisbane City
Blacktown City v Leichhardt
Brisbane Lions v Marconi

RESULTS LAST WEEKEND

Heidelberg 2 Brisbane Lions 1 (Midweek)
Heidelberg 2 Footscray 0
Canberra City 0 South Melbourne 0
Brisbane City 1 West Adelaide 1
Leichhardt 2 Sydney City 2
Blacktown City 4 Brisbane Lions 1
Adelaide City 1 Newcastle KB United 3
Marconi 3 St George 0

LEADING LEAGUE SCORERS

20 Cole (S.M.)
13 Jankovics (M),
11 Nyskohus (A.C.) Krncevic (M) Paton (H)
10 Buljevic (S.M.) M. Barnes (S.C.)
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1.	P. Dando	11	2	1	-	7.48
2.	P. Reaney	21	2	1	1	7.60
3.	N. Endacott	-	-	-	-	0.00
4.	B. Cowburn	9	1	-	1	7.07
6.	R. Drinkwater	21	2	1	3	6.93
7.	A. Bertogna	16	1	1	-	6.92
10.	G. Heys	15	1	1	3	6.79
11.	D. Kamasz	5	1	-	2	6.08
12.	J. Senkalski	13	1	1	2	7.21
13.	D. Jones	19	1	1	3	6.91
14.	J. Sneddon	8	-	-	-	7.28
15.	C. Curran	18	2	1	1	6.99
16.	P. Tredinnick	13	2	1	1	6.73
17.	H. Tredinnick	-	-	-	-	0.00
18.	M. Boogaard	-	-	-	-	0.00
19.	M. McClelland	5	2	1	2	6.54
20.	J. Preston	10	-	-	-	7.48
21.	R. Endacott	-	-	-	-	0.00
22.	P. Burrows	8	1	-	1	7.08
23.	C. Mason	15	1	-	1	6.83

L — League C — Cup O — Others G — Goals
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Our Top Four Prospects

Our position at the end of the twenty first series is almost identical with that in 1979. Then we lay fifth but there were sides just below us on the table with games in hand. Among them was Heidelberg United with two games in hand. They put on a whirlwind finish which had them in the top four a few matches later and they seemed to be going so well that most people gave them a good chance of winning the top four championship. It didn't turn out that way. Marconi hung on to take out all the goodies.

Heidelberg's run squeezed out United and Adelaide City who had been a spot above us as they are now.

Our situation is different from last year's in one particular respect. We have had trouble scoring goals in 1980 and we have a deficit in the goals for and against. Last Sunday's match against Adelaide City helped in two ways. First it brought us level with them on points. Second it reduced our deficit to two.

Teams don't usually make the top four with such poor statistics behind them.

Any plans for making the end-of-season championships have to be based on the assumption that we are going to maintain the form that allowed United to beat South Melbourne and Adelaide City. A corollary is that we overcome the problems posed by sides intent on taking a point home from Newcastle's International Sports Centre — Footscray and their like.

We have one thing going for us. We have to play South Melbourne again. That is the side we must push out of the four. All being well, a win in Melbourne could put us into the four.

Indications are that Adelaide City has lost the impetus that Justin Fashanu gave them during his stay in Australia. (He scored a hat-trick for Norwich last weekend.) South Melbourne aren't at their best right now either. They could get only a point from Canberra last Sunday. That was a 0-0 result, too.

One other worry is that a team might come from below with a Heidelberg-like burst. But that doesn't appear likely either. Lions, admittedly playing their second game in five days, went down to a disastrous 1-4 defeat at the hands of Blacktown City last Sunday. Canberra are in the horrors and Footscray should be happy to avoid relegation if their display in Newcastle is any indication.

Let's see what the draw holds in store for South Melbourne, Adelaide City, Newcastle KB United and Brisbane Lions.

South Melbourne: Footscray (H), Adelaide City (A), St George (H), Marconi (A) and Newcastle United (H).

Adelaide City: Heidelberg (A), South Melbourne (H), West Adelaide (A), Sydney City (H), and Blacktown City (A).

Newcastle KB United: St George (H), Marconi (A), Lions (A), Heidelberg (H) and South Melbourne (A).

Brisbane Lions: Marconi (H), Leichhardt (A), Newcastle (H), Brisbane City (A) and Heidelberg (A).

Those fixtures are capable of all sorts of interpretations. The only certainty is that South Melbourne has the easiest draw. It meets only one side above it on the table at the moment — Marconi. For both Adelaide City and Newcastle KB United there are three such fixtures. For Brisbane Lions there are also three but they couldn't approach the matches against Brisbane City and Leichhardt with any great confidence.

On figures it looks as if Newcastle United will finish fifth with South Melbourne in fourth spot and Adelaide City sixth.

But there could be upsets and that is what every battling side has to count on. One upset we wouldn't want to see is a win by Adelaide City over South Melbourne unless it was a complete form reversal. Both those sides threaten our prospects at this stage so a draw might be a better result for us.

In the long run it amounts to Newcastle United playing well enough to take the majority of the points leading up to the clash in Melbourne with South Melbourne. Providing all goes well it might mean that a win in the last match gets us into the fourth place.

Let's look at recent performances by the teams in question:—

South Melbourne: Blacktown 5-0, Leichhardt 0-1, Newcastle 0-1, Brisbane City 3-3 and Canberra 0-0 (Pts: 4, Agg: 8:5).

Adelaide City: Lions 2-1, St George 6-1, Marconi 1-2, Newcastle 1-3, (Note that Adelaide City were a game ahead of other clubs.) (Pts: 4, Agg: 10:7).

Newcastle KB United: Brisbane City 1-1, Canberra 2-1, South Melbourne 1-0, Footscray 0-0, Adelaide City 3-1 (Pts: 8, Agg: 7:3).

Brisbane Lions: Adelaide City 1-2, Sydney City 1-1, St George 0-0, Heidelberg 1-2 and Blacktown City 1-4 (Pts: 2, Agg: 4:9).

There is no denying that Newcastle United is the form team of the group right now. If the form holds we are in with a big chance.

"I'm carrying the team so I might just as well carry the supporters," says Phil Dando.

Macquarie Soccer Referees Association

Subject: Visit Mr. Ted Ring and Wife to Newcastle.

Mr. Ring is a Class 1 Referee — a member of The Sheffield Referees Association and Past Chairman.

He was the Editor of the "Sheffield Referee" Magazine until he accepted the position of the English Referees Associations Magazine, "The Football Referee".

This position entitles Ted to attend all Referees Association Council meetings — he also is a member of The Referees Association Education Committee.

When Ted took over as Editor of the Football Referee, he redesigned the magazine and put more emphasis on articles related to Education. He again has altered the format so that in September 1980 the magazine will be coming out in newspaper form.

Ted is also a lecturer on the Laws of the Game and is often invited to be guest lecturer at Referee Associations Meetings.

As well as refereeing Ted is very keen about the sport of orienteering, and hopes to be able to spend some time during his leisure periods enjoying our beautiful natural landscapes.

Mrs. Ring (Jane) was until she retired a Deputy Headmistress of a large Primary School in Sheffield, while Ted is a Language teacher at a Sheffield High School.

They left England on the 27th July 1980, travelling via Singapore, where they stayed for four days, then on to Western Australia to stay with relatives for two weeks.

They arrived in Sydney on 16th August, and will be staying until 29th August, at the home of Harold and Janice Hall of Shortland, from where they will be travelling back to England.

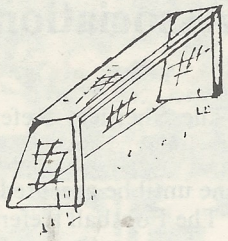
During their stay in Newcastle they will be conducted on tours of the Hunter Valley and Central Coast, seeing areas such as the Vineyards in the Hunter Valley, the area Beaches of Newcastle and Port Stephens, Lake Macquarie sights and Gloucester and surrounding areas.

On the 19th August (Tuesday) Ted was a guest of the Macquarie Soccer Referees Association and talked on his and other Refereeing experiences. The night was attended by various representatives of other local Referees Associations, and a light supper was served afterwards. The nights proceedings commenced at 7.30 p.m. in the Argenton Community Hall, Elizabeth Street, Argenton.

Ted will be attending the Newcastle KB United v's St. George Fixture at the International Sports Centre today.

This evening Ted and his wife will be the guests of the Northern N.S.W. Referees Association, at a Dinner at Cardiff Workers' Club.

For any futher information please contact Harold Hall — 55-8017.



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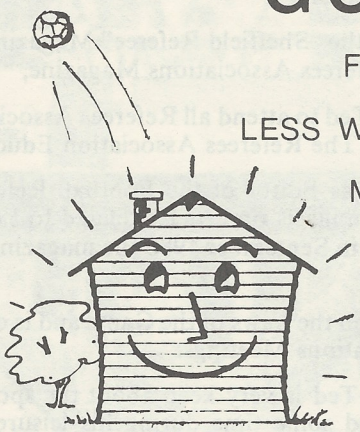

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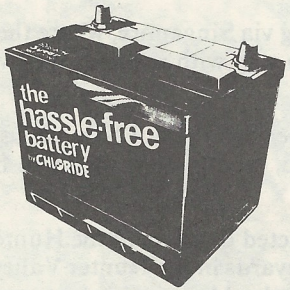

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SUPPORTERS' CLUB NEWS, NOTES

During the half-time interval in to-day's match between Newcastle KB United and St George the Supporters' Club second raffle of 1000 cans of beer will be drawn.

There are only 1000 tickets in each raffle, each costing one dollar, with the first prize being 500 cans of ale, second prize 200 cans and 100 cans for the third, fourth and fifth tickets drawn.

At each of the remaining home fixtures similar raffles will be drawn. Any supporter interested in selling tickets during the week before the drawing, may purchase books of tickets from Kevin Thompson at the Supporters' Club Caravan.

The first beer raffle, conducted during the KB United - Footscray match was won by ticket number 792.

Second prize went to ticket numbered 803 and the third, fourth and fifth prizes to tickets numbered 622, 924 and 721. All prizes have been claimed.

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The supporters' Club members and The Rowdies wish to thank John Hitchcock, of the Shell Auto Port at Garden City, for his help in allowing members of the clubs to conduct a car wash promotion on a Saturday morning as a result of which $86 was added to the Help Newcastle United Appeal.

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Tickets for the Newcastle KB United Club Presentation Evening will shortly be available. The function will be held at the Belmont 16ft Sailing Club on Wednesday, October 8.

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It will be a Bonanza Day for Golden Goal buyers to-day. This is because of the scoreless draw a fortnight ago when Newcastle KB United met Footscray. Instead of the customary $100 prize it will be $200 so it will be wise to buy Golden Goals tickets.

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The annual bowls day at Boolaroo Bowling Club will be on September 21. A similar venture last year was a marked success. This event will take place a day after Newcastle KB United meets Heidelberg in the last home match at the International Sports Centre. This means that the KB United players will be free to attend and play in the bowls. All are welcome to join us at lunch — at a cost of only $2.50 each.

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The next general meeting of the Supporters' Club will be held at the International Sports Centre on Tuesday, September 2, starting at 7.30 pm. All interested are welcome to attend the meetings, held on the first Tuesday in each month, to advance their views and to offer suggestions which will help the club.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE . . . The coach which was to have travelled to Melbourne for the match against South Melbourne during the 'long' week-end starting on October 4, has been cancelled. This is because the match has been brought forward to September 27.

Those who had booked to join the coach and who still wish to go to Melbourne for the match are advised that the coach will leave at 5 am, on Friday, September 26 and will return on Sunday, September 28. The Travel Officer should be advised immediately as to intentions.

There are a few seats remaining on the coach which will go to Brisbane for the match against Brisbane Lions on September 14 and to-day is the last on which they can be booked.

Three coaches have already been booked for the match in which KB United is to meet Marconi-Fairfield on September 7 and a fourth is likely to be engaged. The last chance to reserve a seat will occur to-day.

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From Allyn Priest . . .

Goal Sponsor payments for July may be made at the Information Booth today between 11 am, and 2.15pm. It is also possible for those interested to make arrangements to be a Goal Sponsor in the 1981 season at the booth.

It is our hope that the Goal Sponsor system will become a major source of revenue to help ensure the future of the club. At only 50 cents a goal — the minimum — the system relies on many people. If you are a Goal Sponsor, why not induce a friend to become one too? Syndicates, business groups, family units are welcome as Sponsors.

Our thanks, this week, go to Nola McCann, Ian Welsman, Roy Brown, Alan Pritchard, Ron Mitchell, Patricia Mitchell, Michele Avery, Kevin Judd and Morgan Trisley.

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Congratulations to David Fordham and the 'Star' newspaper for the only honest and factual Soccer column I've seen in any newspaper recently. David is not afraid to make his criticisms known but is also first to praise. This form of progressive, inventive and unbiased writing is a pleasure to read and is an asset to any sport he chooses to report.

Perhaps some other sports writers might take a lesson from David's colum and we could then read the whole story, not merely the bad points. Keep up the good work David!

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The list of winner from the Monster Raffle drawn at the West Wallsend Workers' Club is —1: $500 Painting - No. 3550 - D. Patterson; 2: Concrete - No. 26 - Max Talbot; 3: Season Ticket - No. 4884 - Les Wilkinson; 4: $30 Hair Style - No. 4997 - G. Wright; 5: Dinner for Two - No. 540 - Sue Wilkinson; 6: Radial Retread - No. 2105 - John Heyes; 7: Open Order - No. 22 - Joanne Lingard; 8: Novelty Mirror & Wine - No. 4994 - Mr. Thornton; 9: Fruit and Vegs - No. 2226 - C. Main; 10: Record Voucher and Wine - No. 2181 - J. Gane; 11: Novelty Mirror - No. 4117 - Doug Grahame; 12: Record Voucher - No. 4116 - Doug Grahame; 13: Novelty Mirror - No. 876 - J. Hannah; 14: Meat Tray - No. 2067 - M. Kovacs; 15: Bottle of Wine - No. 2077 - M. Thompson.

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Philips Cup Semi-Finals

Can Adelaide City repeat its win in the last Cup? In the final last year they played the lowly St George combination who were making heavy weather of the League. St George had beaten Newcastle on penalties in a memorable semi-final at the International Sports Centre. Although Newcastle supporters were disappointed there were those who consoled themselves by saying, "Well, St George have had a bad season. Good luck to them."

This year there are no tail-enders in the semi-finals. The sides are all in the top four except Brisbane Lions who meet Marconi at Marconi Stadium. The other pairing is Adelaide City v Heidelberg at Olympic Park. Both semis will be played on Wednesday, September 10.

On paper the winners should be Marconi and Heidelberg, both giants of the Philips League.

Adelaide just scraped a win over Spearwood Dalmatinac, the Perth side. The win came only in extra time and both sides had enough chances to win the match during the initial ninety minutes. If nothing else, Spearwood's performance indicated that Perth could do justice to a spot in the Philips League.

Heidelberg knocked out South Melbourne in the quarter finals. The score was 2-1 as is fitting in a local derby between two teams doing well in the league.

Right now Heidelberg is sitting on top of the table. Its strikers, Cole and Paton, are a formidable pair and they constitute the main danger for Rasic's men. There is enough depth in the Heidelberg club to ensure that injuries and suspensions won't play too big a part in the outcome. Just one thing may operate against Heidelberg. The joint player-coach combination of Jimmy Rooney and Paddy Bannon has given way to the non-playing coach, Len McKendry. McKendry has an almost unsurpassable record as coach of the Victorian State side but he may not have had time to settle into this new position yet.

Rooney has been out with an injury too. He has been a tremendous influence on Heidelberg as he has on Australia's eleven. Without him one could hardly expect Heidelberg to be at their best. But the midfield of Selemidis, Campbell and Taylor is very smart. Bozikas, Cole and Paton give the side tremendous striking power and the back line of McMillan, Yzendoorn, Bannon and Tansey is as tough as they come. The goalkeeper, Oliver, may just be a little below the general standard.

Adelaide City could field the same side that lost to United last Sunday:— Goals: Marshall; Backs: Dods, Jones, Perin, Bugsy Nyskohus; Midfield: Muniz, John Nyskohus, Melta; Forwards: Mitchell, Barnes and Marocchi.

Unless Rasic solves the problems posed by United it will be a win to Heidelberg. Or maybe even if he does solve them.

Marconi, playing on its own turf, should be too strong for Lions. Right now it is tempting to wipe off Lions because of their defeat at the hands of Blacktown City. But that 1-4 massacre followed Lions' midweek defeat by Heidelberg in a deferred league match. No doubt the boys from Blacktown were fresher and perhaps Lions had their heads down after losing on the Wednesday. Lions probably have more talent than Blacktown but they are quite a physical side and they would have been nursing some bruises.

Before we discount Lions' chances we ought to remember that this is the side that put Sydney City out of the Cup. In addition there is almost a tradition (if you can have traditions in a three-year-old competition) that Brisbane sides do well in the Cup.

The Marconi side boasts so many fine players that they would have to be favourites against almost any side at the moment. They are playing a whole lot better than they did in the early part of the season. They demolished St George 4-0 in the quarter final and have continued to put it all together in subsequent matches. They have the flair and variation in their play to overcome the hurdle posed by Lions' central defenders, Col Bennett and Jim Hermiston. The latter is still rated as the best player in the league and Bennett is not far behind him.

The spin-off from this match is a real bonus for Newcastle. It happens that our side travels to Lions Stadium on the weekend following the Cup semi-final. Whether Lions are beaten by Marconi is immaterial. So much will have been taken out of their players that it should augur well for United's chances. That is one premiership match we must win if we are to sustain our run towards a top four spot. In a sense we could not have had a luckier combination of fixtures.

The final of the Philips Cup will be played at Bruce Stadium and those who travel there for the match could book their accommodation now in the confident expectation of seeing Heidelberg do battle with Marconi. That will be some match! It will be played on a beautiful surface on which two skilful sets of players can be expected to show their best. No doubt the media in the Australian Capital Territory are rubbing their hands in glee.

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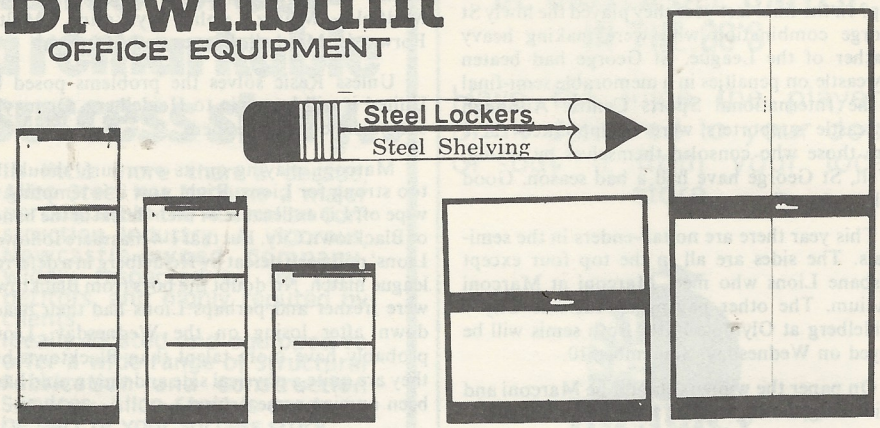

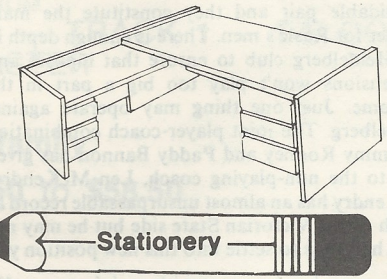

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CHIPS AND CROSSES

By Alan Tredinnick

The recent transfer of Clive Allen (ex-Q.P.R. star striker) from Arsenal to Crystal Palace may not have been a first but it certainly was interesting, even fascinating. He had been transferred in the off-season to Arsenal from Queens Park Rangers. Without having kicked a ball, he was then turned over to Crystal Palace. The deal involved Arsenal signing England fullback Ken Sansom. Pretty good thinking on the part of the Arsenal manager. Clive Allen could have been an embarrassment to a side that boasts Stapleton and Sunderland, a tried and proven forward pairing.

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Brett Cowburn made an incisive comment on Ken Sansom as a fullback. His comment was, "I've never seen a player enjoy a position as much as Sansom obviously does." His enjoyment is evident in the way he plays it. Such an observation isn't applicable only to Sansom. It is true of all the top players whatever their position. Any good coach will tell you that a player must enjoy his game if he is to play well. It follows that any player who is obviously unhappy in his position should either be dropped or re-located. Joe Senkalski was one United player who obviously didn't enjoy playing up front. His repositioning in the midfield brought about a transformation in his play. That could be true of John Sneddon, too.

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In the junior ranks you see so many examples of players playing out of position, obviously handicapped by their lack of aptitude for the particular role they have been allocated. Unfortunately at junior level the coaches don't have the luxury of picking the team they would like. Unless the club grades its players and has a squad big enough to allow for some substitutions a coach can be stuck with such problems. At P.S.L. level this can happen too. It depends on the talent available and the funds at the manager's disposal.

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The P.S.L. draw has caused some comments in each of the three years Newcastle KB United has been involved. With the help of a computer it is possible to take into account a lot of factors which couldn't be considered without the computer's assistance. In the old days the draws were compiled on a purely mathematical basis and feeding extra factors in was just too much for most officials. But one thing is worth noting. In any draw, no matter how many teams are involved it is not possible for every club to have straight home-and-away fixtures. In fact only two clubs in any draw can enjoy that luxury. Fortunately however it is possible to pair the other clubs so that their home matches do not coincide. The Northern Federation for years has had an arrangement with Rugby League that clubs sharing grounds would be given the straight home-and-away numbers. So Toronto and Cessnock Soccer Clubs have been quite often the ones with the straight fixtures.

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If you were lucky enough to catch footage of the match at the Kings School in which former Australian stars played the school's first team you would certainly have been impressed with the quality of their football. Players like Warren, Watkiss and particularly Abonyi really turned it on. Their easy win over the boys was not significent in itself but it was great public relations for our code.

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The selection of Joe Senkalski and Arno Bertogna in the Rudi Gutendorf squads for matches against Mexico was great news for Newcastle. It was even greater news for Australia, but in another sense. Rudi at last appears to have settled on his list of players, at least for 1980. Joe and Arno were the only two changes to the squads which faced England and Ireland.

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The April edition of Soccer Monthly ran a fascinating article on John Cartwright, the England Youth coach. He is a man with new ideas. It is evident that he is bent on a revolutionary approach to football. He says:

"I always felt that we attacked the game the wrong way . . . by trying to make people do simple things when football is not a simple game . . . We should be asking youngsters to work very hard at developing the ability to perform difficult tasks. Developing the ability to perform difficult tasks and achieve difficult objects excites the players. If we are good enough coaches we can gradually introduce these difficult ploys into our match play."

Well, is he to be a voice in the wilderness?

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The same magazine mentions that Brazil now has its first full-time manager — Tele Santana. It's hard to believe that until 1980 a football power of the magnitude of Brazil did not have a full-time manager. Even Australia beat them to the punch there.

TRED LIGHTLY

Alan Tredinnick

IRONNIES

RONNY B: Last weekend there was a match between two teams of midgets at the I.S.C. Although all players acquitted themselves well the match never rose to any great heights.

ronnie c: One of last weekend's Philips League matches was delayed when the referee was forced to borrow a coin from a security officer. he explained later that he had left his coin in the change room.

RONNY B: Until Nothern Ireland won the recent Home Internationals relatively few Ulstermen played soccer. Now they are quite thick.

ronnie c: Bunny Curran took out third place in the recent O'Donnell Town Cow Chip Trowing Contest. He thinks he can win next time. He says he's got it down pat.

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UTTER CONFUCIAN

Promotion is very much in the news. You have crowds in proportion to the amount of ballyhoo you can muster up before a game. People are very susceptible to it.

Confucius, he say: "Ballyhoo bound to be cry of English owl."

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LINESMANSHIP

You may have noticed in the press recently an account of the trial of a prominent north shore footballer. He was in trouble with the Taxation Department for failing to lodge tax returns. He claimed he had been duped by a beautiful girl who had left him penniless.

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The World Is A Round Ball

AUSTRALIA

Soccer in Australia was what could only be described as virile before the coming of the Europeans after World War II. In fact the first European refugees wondered, when they saw their first Australian matches, whether World War II was really over or whether perhaps they were watching World War III.

It is true for example that some Newcastle sides used to issue the manager with hammer and nails. For away games he was given the responsibility of making sure that the palings were firmly attached to fences near the ground. From bitter experience administrators knew that the spectators of losing sides were apt to remove palings and attack the visitors.

Yes football was a virile sport in those days.

But there were exceptional characters who brought a little humanity to the sport. Take the example of Horace Growndler, a former Granville manager. He was renowed for his kindness.

On one occasion Horace was shepherding his players off Garside Park when he noticed a lady crying bitterly near the dressing room entrance. He went over to find out what was wrong. Through her tears the lady complained that a nearby drunk had insulted her by saying she had the ugliest baby he had ever seen.

The kindly manager spent all the half time break with her and, when his players took the field again she was just about right. Thinking to cheer her up even more the manager said, "Look, lady, you'll be all right now. I'll just go and get your monkey a banana."

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SO HO

SON: "I'm not going to the game today, Mum. The players hate me."

MOTHER: "But Son you're fit and healthy. You have an obligation to put in an appearance."

SON: "The officials don't like me either and the crowd hates me."

MOTHER: "But, Son, you can't let the side down. After all, you ARE the manager."

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"I saw you and the boys with your heads together this morning," said the manager to his captain.

"Yes," replied the captain, "we decided we'll have an orgy during our end-of-season trip."

"What?" screamed the manager. "An orgy is the last thing you need."

"Good idea," replied the skipper. "That way we can recover on the trip home."

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FUMBLED FOOTNOTES

FEATURE MATCH: The noses of Mickey Thomas and Pinncchie.

STRONG OPPOSITION: A Greek team that eats garlic before the game.

FEAST OF THE BALL: Supper on presentation night.

MATCH ANALYSIS: An impregnated stick of wood with phosphorus on one end.

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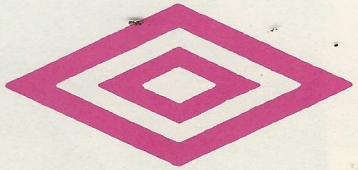

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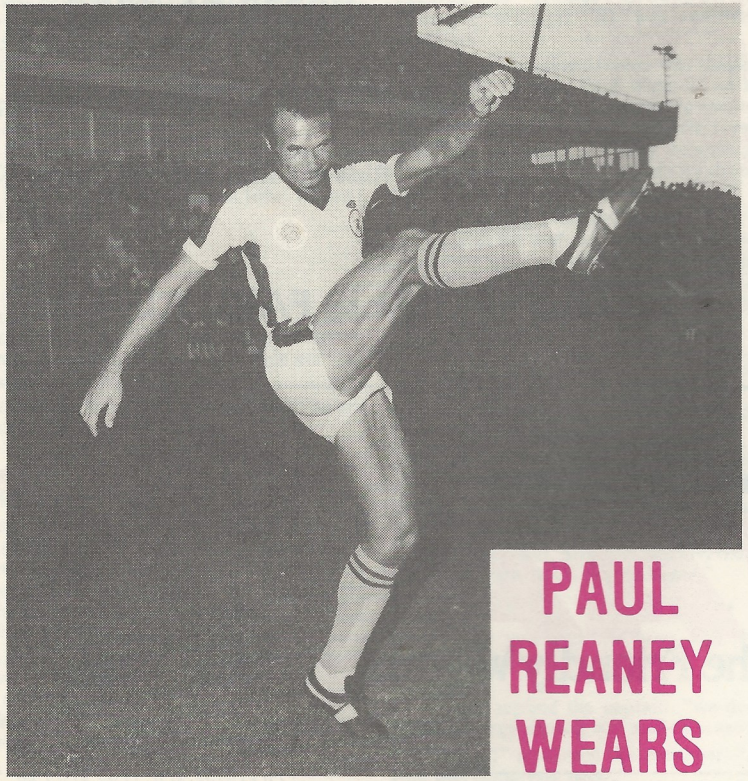

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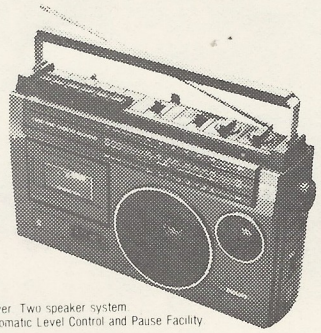

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